



**Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request Form for  
Discretionary Grant Requests**

**This form must be completed and attached to all supporting documentation for items to be included in the Garfield County Board of Commissioners Agenda. One (1) form is required per agenda item.**

**Note:** The BOCC occasionally receives requests for funding through its discretionary fund. Entities that are eligible for funds are either non-profit organizations with current 501(c)3 status or are public entities including special districts. All such requests must be for bonafide public purposes, must be for **\$5,000 or less**, and usually require matching funds after the grant is awarded.

Requesting Entity (public or non-profit): Colorado Mountain College Foundation

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Date of Board of County Commissioners Meeting to consider this item: May 4, 2026  
(Must be submitted by **Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.** prior to Monday meeting)

Topic of Request: Request refunding of the Garfield County Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, with an ask to increase funding from \$2,500 to \$5,000 due to rise in cost of living and tuition expenses since the scholarship was first funded in 2012.

Name(s) of presenters: Lisa Girardot

Board Action Requested: Non-Profit Discreciany Grant

Funding Requested: \$ 5,000

Specifically explain what the funding will be used for: To award 2 scholarships per academic year for \$2,500 each

Fund Balance (Current Year): \$ 31,872,536  
(Please provide summary of current year P&L Statement)

**PLEASE PROVIDE:** **Seven (7) paper copies and one (1) E-mail copy** of all documentation to support the agenda request to **Vola Mercer**, email: [vmercerc@garfieldcountyco.gov](mailto:vmercerc@garfieldcountyco.gov) or mail to 108 8<sup>th</sup> Street, #101, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, no later than Wednesday, 11 a.m. prior to the Monday meeting. Failure to provide backup material timely and as requested may result in removal or continuance of your agenda item at the County's discretion.



## **BOCC Request for Non-Profit Discretionary Grant**

### **Colorado Mountain College Foundation**

#### **Non-Traditional Scholarship**

The Garfield County Non-Traditional Student Scholarship was established in 2012 to support non-traditional students at Colorado Mountain College's Roaring Fork and Rifle campuses. Eligible students must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours in courses that build skills for current or future employment. The scholarship reflects Garfield County's commitment to education and to a strong local workforce.

Since the scholarship began, 20 students have received support and have gone on to earn 3 certificates, 12 associate degrees, and 4 bachelor's degrees. These outcomes show that the scholarship has helped local students continue their education and complete meaningful credentials.

Colorado Mountain College respectfully requests renewal of the scholarship with an increase in annual support from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The original amount has remained unchanged since 2012, while CMC's in-district tuition has increased from \$56 per credit hour in 2012-13 to \$110 per credit hour in 2026-2027. For a student taking the minimum 6 credit hours required to qualify, tuition alone has risen from about \$336 to about \$660, before books, fees, transportation, childcare, and other daily expenses are considered.

Renewing the scholarship at \$5,000 would help keep this long-standing County investment meaningful for today's adult learners and support their progress toward better employment opportunities in Garfield County.

## Garfield County Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students



Lizzy Becker

### Details

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#### Campus

Rifle

#### Degree or Certificate

AA Business Emphasis

#### Thank You Letter

Dear Garfield County commissioners,

I want to humbly thank you for the generous scholarship donation, I am very grateful!

I am truly honored and humbled to have been chosen, and I want to sincerely thank you for investing in my future.

As a nontraditional student, the path to higher education has not been a straight one, but it has been a deeply meaningful one. This scholarship not only eases the financial burden of continuing my education, but it also affirms that hard work, determination, and a desire to grow are seen and valued.

Higher education is incredibly important to me. I am committed to working hard, staying focused, and using this opportunity to improve myself both personally and professionally. I believe that by bettering myself, I can become a more informed, skilled, and contributing citizen of Garfield County, and a more capable and dedicated employee in my field.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I will carry this encouragement with me as I move forward in my academic and professional journey.

Kindest regards,

Lizzy L. Becker

4/2/2025

**Colorado Mountain College Foundation, Inc.**  
**Statements of Financial Position**  
**June 30, 2025 and 2024**

	2025	2024
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,113,055	3,683,275
Due from related party (note 9)	269,065	81,557
Contributions receivable, net (note 3)	1,339,315	1,054,136
Investments (note 4)	27,080,577	25,113,157
Cash surrender value of life insurance policy (note 5)	32,152	32,855
Property and equipment, net (note 6)	38,372	-
Total assets	\$ 31,872,536	29,964,980
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Due to related party (note 9)	\$ 1,505,656	1,283,136
Refundable advance (note 1 (j))	500,000	558,239
Accrued liabilities	-	43,230
Total liabilities	2,005,656	1,884,605
<b>Net assets</b>		
Net assets without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	486,417	204,863
Board designated endowment (note 8)	6,741,614	6,386,902
	7,228,031	6,591,765
Net assets with donor restrictions	22,638,849	21,488,610
Total net assets	29,866,880	28,080,375
<b>Commitment (note 10)</b>		
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 31,872,536	29,964,980

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.